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## New Solicitor General Hammoud to Lead Flint Criminal Cases

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**LANSING** – Fadwa A. Hammoud, a career prosecutor who was announced earlier today as Michigan’s new Solicitor General, will take the lead on the criminal cases related to the Flint water crisis. The cases include those against former Flint emergency managers Darnell Earley and Gerald Ambrose as well as Nick Lyon, the former director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Dr. Eden Wells, Michigan’s former chief medical executive and now “advisory physician.” Todd Flood, who was appointed three years ago by then-Attorney General Bill Schuette as “special prosecutor,” will report to Ms. Hammoud.

“The former Attorney General chose to personally select and supervise Mr. Flood and the criminal cases, which prevented him from being engaged or even informed on any of the civil cases related to Flint, including the lawsuits against various state departments and employees and the city of Flint” said Attorney General Dana Nessel. “These cases have gone on for years and have cost the taxpayers of this state millions of dollars. It’s time for resolution and justice for the people of Flint.”

Nessel appointed Hammoud as Solicitor General yesterday and immediately assigned her to lead the Flint criminal cases.

“We don’t prescribe to the idea of prosecution for profit in this office,” said Nessel. “I have worked closely with Ms. Hammoud as a prosecutor and trust her to make the right decisions and take the proper steps to ensure justice for the people of Flint. This department has spent millions of dollars on these cases and our state residents deserve assurance that these cases are handled properly.”

Nessel’s appointment of Hammoud as Solicitor General received high praise from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy, Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Thomas Cameron, and Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge Timothy Kenny.

“Attorney General Nessel’s appointment of Fadwa Hammoud to serve as Michigan’s next Solicitor General is a brilliant choice. She is a visionary with an excellent work ethic. This is bittersweet for the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office and me personally. Fadwa has

served all Wayne County residents with integrity, distinction, and honor. We are sad to see her leave Wayne County service, but the citizens of the entire State will be the beneficiary of her fairness and impressive reputation." *Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy*

"While I served as a Wayne County judge, Fadwa earned the reputation of being a smart, strong, and passionate trial attorney who fought for victims' rights and as someone who could be counted on to follow the law. Fadwa's background, experience and intellect are a great fit for this new role, and I'm confident that the State of Michigan will be well-served with her as its Solicitor General." *Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Thomas Cameron*

"Fadwa Hammoud's years of dedicated public service to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the Dearborn School Board demonstrate her concern for improving the lives of the citizens of the State of Michigan. She is a passionate advocate for our citizens." *Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge Timothy Kenny*

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